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For: SYNTHESIS OF PERHALOGENATED THERMOPLASTIC (CO)POLYMERS
OF CHLOROTRIFLUOROETHYLENE

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Sir:

This paper is filed in response to the Office Action dated May 1, 2002, in connection with the above-identified patent application. Applicants respectfully request entry of the following amendments without prejudice.

IN THE CLAIMS:

Please cancel claims 2, 4, 5, 6 and 10 and amend claim 1 as follows.

Attached is a marked-up copy showing changes to the claims.

1 (Amended). A process for the synthesis of chlorotrifluoroethylene (PCTFE) (co)polymers, containing at least 80% by moles of CTFE, the complement to 100 being one or more fluorinated monomers in aqueous emulsion, in the presence of a microemulsion of (per)fluoropolyoxyalkylenes, a fluorinated surfactant and an inorganic initiator, wherein the fluorinated surfactant has formula: